etc., depending upon the magnitude & intensity of the disasters. The State Government are primarily responsible for management of natural disaster and are advised from time to time to take preventive measures and be in the state of preparedness to reduce the impact of disasters and consequential losses.

Menace of robbers in Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh

†2136. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace of robbers in various districts in Chambal region in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of incidents of kidnapping, murder and robbery by various gangs of robbers during the last five years; and

(c) whether Government have provided any special assistance to the State Government for tackling the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMY): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have reported that they are aware of the menace.

(b) Information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard is given at Statement (*See* below).

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per Entry 1 and 2 of List 2 of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and it is, therfore, the primary responsibility of the State Government to tackle the problem. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have been operating a Non-plan Scheme for Modernisation of the State Police Forces since 1969-70 under which assistance is given to the States on a cost sharing basis. The items included in the Scheme are weaponry, communication equipment, security equipment vehicles etc. The Central annual allocation under the Scheme was enhanced to Rs. 1000 crore in 2000-01, which was Rs. 50 crore till 1998-99 and Rs. 200 crore in 1999-2000. The annual Central allocation in respect of the State of Madhya Pradesh was fixed at Rs. 53 crore since 2000-01. During the years 2000-01 and 2001-02, the annual plans approved under the Scheme for Government of Madhya Pradesh were Rs. 108.97 crore and 106.00 crore respectively and the Central Share to the tune of Rs, 54.49 crore and Rs. 53.00 crore were

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released during these two years. No separate assistance was asked for by the State Government. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have informed that to tackle the problem in the region, not only have they provided adequate number of communication equipment and vehicles to Police, additional companies of special armed police force have also been made available.

Statement

Details of incidents covered by dacoits in various districts in the Chambal Region of Madhya Pradesh (1997—2001).

Gwalior Range:

Crime	Year	Gwalior	Shivpuri	Total
Kidnapping	1997	17	6	23
	1998	11	11	22
	1999	7	7	14
	2000	9	7	16
	2001	19	11	30
Murder	1997	1	-	1
	1998	-	1	1
	1999	1	1	2
	2000	1	-	1
	2001	3	5	8
Dacoity	1997	2	1	3
	1998	1	8	9
	1999	-	5	5
	2000	-	6	6
	2001	1	5	6

Chambal Range:

Crime	Year	Murena	Bhind	Datia	Shivpur	Total
Kidnapping	1997	5	9	3	-	17
	1998	9	26	13	6	54
	1999	9	63	19	10	101
	2000	14	55	10	16	95
	2001	12	23	17	14	66

Crime	Year	Murena	Bhind	Datia	Shivpur	Total
Murder	1997	-	5	-	-	5
	1998	4	1	1	-	6
	1999	-	1	1	-	2
	2000	1	3	4	-	8
	2001	1	3	5	-	9
Dacoity	1997	3	-	-	-	3
	1998	1	2	-	2	5
	1999	1	-	-	1	2
	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	2001	-	-	-	2	2

Setting up open jails in States

†2137. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines or rules for setting up "Open Jail" in all States;

(b) if so, the number of States where open jails have been set up as per the said guidelines; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Central Government have not issued guidelines for setting up of open jails. 'Prisons' being a States subject as per entry 4 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to evolve their own guidelines to set up open prisions. As per the available information, open prisons exist in the States of Andhra Pradesh (2), Assam (1), Gujarat (2), Himachal Pradesh (1), Karnataka (1), Kerala (1), Maharashtra (2), Punjab (2), Rajasthan (7), Tamil Nadu (1) and West Bengal (1).

Establishment of Balwadi-cum-Creche in each Prison

2138. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action proposed to establish Balwadi-cum-Creche in every prison to create a normal environment for children in jails with jailed mothers; and

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